



Editor's Corner

A NEW ARUBA

It is an encouraging sign that after the shock waves of the shut down of the Lago refinery are somewhat dissipating, it is apparent that there are many people on the island who are starting to think positively about the economic future of a NEW ARUBA.

Besides the expansion plans announced by the hotels for development of the tourism industry, we have heard about many private individuals who are considering the idea of investing in small local oriented businesses. It is still premature to go into further details about them, but what we have seen and heard so far cause us to be highly optimistic. It was also announced that Holland has approved the sum of 4 million guilders for the second phase of the Sasaki plan, a plan for the construction of a highway from the area west of the Pizza Pub to Bubali. Another encouraging sign is that last week the press was invited by local entrepreneur, Mr. Wilfred Ho Sing Loy, to see a new machine at the Kimberly van Meel Paper factory. The new machine represents an investment of \$ 280,000, and will increase the capacity of the factory considerably. The factory manufactures toilet paper, but according to Mr. Ho Sing Loy, it is the intention to also produce paper kitchen and table napkins, towels in the future. Such an investment is indeed a manifestation of confidence in the future of a NEW ARUBA. We cannot away from the fact that the impact which the presence of Lago had on the economy of the island is difficult to be replaced, but it definitely does not make sense to sit down with our hands in our lap nor to panic. We have heard of many people leaving the island and others who are banking their money overseas. We think that those are negative attitudes. We are of the opinion that Aruba has sufficient potential. And with its business acumen and the bilingual capability of its population, Aruba can make a go for it in creating a new image and a new industrial atmosphere for a NEW ARUBA.

An important factor which can be a positive asset in the economic development of Aruba is cooperation on the part of the government in granting permits to establish businesses indiscriminately. It is an open secret that certain permits are often refused or stagnated for purely political reasons. It should be the personal commitment of every resident of the island to dedicate every effort to the creation of a NEW ARUBA. Setting an example should be primarily our political leaders and public servants. Abstain from strictly party politics and bureaucratic line-towing and foot-dragging. A local bank is currently running a series of advertisements with the theme "Aruba can only grow". The greatest resource to make that a reality is the working men and women of Aruba. They are the main ingredients of the economic survival of a NEW ARUBA.

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Village Talk



by WILLY

A fella tell Willy dat af-tah all de old talk he won dah wha' dey goin call he He say he born rite here an' dat de farrest he even went from Aruba is ouk on a reef to ketch some fish. He say dat he don't care wha dey call he be-cause he kno' dat he is a black Arubian.

A lady tell Willy dat she husban' buy a cake an' give she fo' mother's day She say he come home satiday nite undah he oil an' he eat up all de cake.

A fella tell Willy dat he dunno nuttin bouk dey puttin' joygiols in container in St. Martin but he say it got a gang up dere does thief peeples cows on de road an' tek off wid dem in a container truck

Willy ask a baseball player how come nobody don't come to see de games dem an' he say Topacio won't give dem a chance. He say big man stayin' home bouk dey watchin' novela.

A lady say dat dey quite de TAV peeples dem who used to watta de plants dem way she live in a g-vment house, now dey want she to watta de plants. She say de watta bill so high already. She say dey head ain't good.

A fella say dat it look loik Don Martina wires dem cross. He say dat he vote against he own party in de Staten.

A lady tell Willy dat dey invite she to a mother's day fete, but she say it had more teenagers dere dan mothers. She say she couldn't even dance dey koind ah music.

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A.V.P. SEEKING CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN INVESTORS

ORANJESTAD—Contact established by the A.V.P. in an effort to rescue the economy of the island are showing positive result. The leader of the A.V.P. Mr. Henny Eman said that last week one of the probable investors paid a visit to Aruba to gather information about the is-

land. He said that a group of persons who are interested in establishing a golf course are also expected. Mr. Eman said that his par-

ty is making the effort to contact individuals close to the Reagan circle in order to reach the highest level possible.

KLM ANNOUNCES SIX FLIGHTS PER WEEK

WILLEMSTAD—KLM has announced that this year during the summer season the number of flights from Holland to Curacao will be increased from 3 to 6 a week, during the so-called "Hoogseizoen" which runs from

July 3 to August. From May 2 to September 26, the number of KLM flights to Aruba, instead of 2 will be 3 per week. The landings in Zurich and Lissabon will be cancelled in order to shorten flying time.

A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAN NICOLAS PUBLISHED

SAN NICOLAS—The Organization for the Stimulation of Neighborhood centers, Osticeba has published a report titled "A Tool for the Development of San Nicolas". The report was written and compiled by Mr. Kelvin Augustin, a neighborhood center worker, and it gives a concise and in-depth report of a survey of the necessities and pos-

sibilities of San Nicolas. Conclusions and recommendation mentioned in the report are: the development of San Nicolas the economy of San Nicolas; tourism in San Nicolas; construction in San Nicolas; industry in San Nicolas; social services in San Nicolas; the social sector; cultural, artistic and

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